



# City of Concord

## Weekly City Manager Newsletter

July 25, 2014

### **ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS - PENACOOK VILLAGE**

Brochu Landscaping has begun the landscaping and streetscape work, planting trees and flowers and installing the brickwork at the bumpouts. This work will continue for the next several weeks. Drainage work in the vicinity of Washington Street and Coral Street has begun and will continue into next week as well. The roundabout will be fine graded next week and the paving operation will occur the week of August 4th. A temporary detour will be established utilizing Community Drive, Beede Road, and Allen Street. Detour signs will be in place to direct traffic.



### **ROUNABOUT LANDSCAPING**

A special thanks goes out to residents Gena Cohen Moses, Bob Moses, Carter Hale, and Millie LaFontaine for their efforts in keeping the landscaped center of the Centre/Auburn/Liberty Street roundabout beautiful. This past week, Grounds Superintendent Chris Jacques, of the Parks & Recreation Department, coordinated the delivery of a load of bark mulch for the roundabout and the neighbors completed the work. This has been the neighbors' commitment since the roundabout was built in 2008 and their efforts really show. Thanks to all for keeping Concord beautiful!

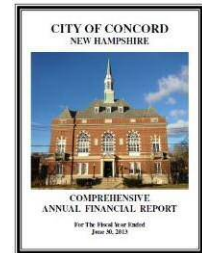


### **NEW FLAG POLE DONATED TO KEACH PARK**

The Parks & Recreation Department received a donation from the Concord Grange of a new American flag and flag pole that has been installed at Keach Park. The donation and dedication of the flag and pole was in conjunction with the Concord Grange's Centennial Celebration at Keach Park on the night of July 22nd. The Nevers Band performed and a color guard was in attendance to present the flag. Many thanks to former City Councilor Dick Patten for spearheading this donation and coordinating the efforts between the Concord Grange and the Parks & Recreation Department.



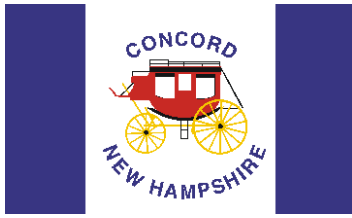
### **CITY AWARDED FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING**



For the 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the City of Concord was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada for its [Comprehensive Annual Financial Report \(CAFR\)](#) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

### **DISCOUNTED PASSES: BOSTON MUSEUM OF SCIENCE**

Beginning on August 1st, discounted passes to the [Boston Museum of Science](#) are available for Concord Public Library card holders. The passes provide the library cardholder and up to 3 guests access to more than 700 permanent hands-on exhibits for \$10.00 per person. Call 225-8670 and select option #2 for more information.



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### ★ EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT ★



Appraiser **Dixie Brown** and Appraisal Technician **Lynn Omundson**, of the Assessing Department, recently completed Part 1 of the NH State Statutes course. The course encompassed the use of Cadastral maps, Statute books, Administrative Rules, case law, contracts, the Right-to-Know Law, the interaction of Assessing and Tax Collection functions, as well as the legal documents that determine property ownership.

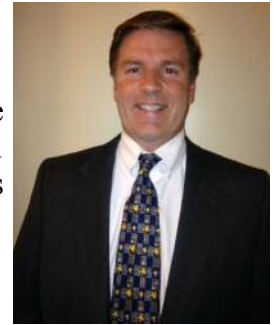
In other employee news, City Engineer **Ed Roberge** is a recent recipient of the City's **Top Step Award**. Ed is an exemplary employee considered amongst many colleagues to be the best City Engineer they have ever worked with. Ed has the rather unique ability to synthesize complex information into easily understood messages. This skill, along with his meticulous attention to detail, helps him to be an excellent presenter with whom an audience can empathize. Ed works tirelessly to ensure that no loose end jeopardizes a project or initiative. When Ed is asked to do something, he carries it out quickly and with quality results.

### PARALLEL TAXIWAY TO RUNWAY 12/30

Runway 17/35 and 12/30 will be closed from 7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 29th, until 7:00 AM on Wednesday, July 30th, to set sign bases and pave the new taxiway apron. Electrical work along the taxiway continues.

### NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT SUPERINTENDENT

The City welcomes Marco Philippon as its new Water Treatment Plant Superintendent. Marco oversees the daily operations of the Water Treatment Plant and ensures that the residents of Concord receive drinking water of the highest quality. Marco has over 25 years of operating and managerial experience with water and wastewater systems and is currently a member (and previous President) of the NH Water Works Association Board of Directors. He is also a Committee Member for the New England Water Works Association. Welcome Marco!



### NEW LOCATION OF UTILITY BILLING OFFICE

The General Services Department's Utility Billing office has been relocated to the second entrance door of the Combined Operations Maintenance Facility (COMF) at 311 North State Street. The office was previously located at the front entrance, near the flag pole. All operations are in full swing.

### MINI GOLF HOLE AT MARKET DAYS

The General Services Department built a beautiful mini golf hole for Intown Concord's Market Days festival last week. The golf hole was one of 12 displayed on the Capital Plaza. It was built to resemble Loudon Road, with the Douglas N. Everett Arena and other recognizable locations beyond the river. Kids and adults of all ages had a great time playing.



### LIBRARY PRESENTS "THE ART & SCIENCE OF HOME BREWING"

On Wednesday, July 30th, at 7:00 PM, the Concord Public Library will host Ed Ramshaw, President of Concord Homebrewers, and founder and owner of Blue Line Draft Systems. Ed will give an introductory talk and answer questions about home brewing. He will have equipment on hand and will go over the steps from brew kettle to bottle.